

# Technology Solutions for Your Mission Requirements: 8(a) STARS

Supporting Your Mission with Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts



## Introduction to 8(a) STARS

Whenever your agency requires technology services, using the 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services (STARS) Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) can provide you with high-quality solutions, as well as the knowledge that you are utilizing a small business – thereby helping achieve your agency's socioeconomic goals.

Procuring technology services using 8(a) STARS means you can be assured that a reputable small business will provide you with excellent solutions. And using 8(a) STARS enables you to conduct set-aside competitions through an established contract vehicle instead of traditional, open market methods-saving time and taxpayer money.

8(a) STARS is a multiple-award, indefinite-delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract engineered to provide cutting-edge technology solutions to federal agencies from award winning 8(a) small businesses. In its first five years of operation, 8(a) STARS assisted federal agencies worldwide in acquiring over \$1.6 billion in IT service solutions.

**See the back of this publication for the features and benefits of using the 8(a) STARS GWAC.**

## Ordering

Prior to issuing orders under 8(a) STARS, federal contracting officers (COs) must receive training on the use of the 8(a) STARS contract and be granted a written delegation of procurement authority from the GWAC program office. Training is offered at no cost via:

- Onsite training conferences and events;
- Conference calls;
- Web or video conferences; and
- A self-paced, online course at the GSA Center for Acquisition Excellence (available at [www.gsa.gov/cae](http://www.gsa.gov/cae)).

## For More Information

For further information about how the 8(a) STARS GWAC can help your agency, contact the Small Business GWAC Center at (877) 327-8732, e-mail [8a@gsa.gov](mailto:8a@gsa.gov), or visit [www.gsa.gov/8astars](http://www.gsa.gov/8astars).



Features	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$15B program ceiling and three-year base period with two, two-year options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows for long term planning of large scale program requirements</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directed task orders up to \$3.5M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced opportunities for 8(a) firms</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract types include: fixed price, labor hour, and time and material terms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offers flexibility of contract types to mitigate risk</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits other direct costs when it is integral and necessary to the IT effort</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitates integrated IT solutions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to exceptionally qualified 8(a) small business industry partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enables federal clients to earn 8(a) small business credit</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-competed, easy-to-use contract with streamlined ordering procedures based on FAR 16.505</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saves time and money by reducing procurement lead time</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complimentary scope compatibility reviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes contract compliance and reduces risk of adverse audits</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance with Section 863 of National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2009</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAR 16.505 Fair Opportunity process supports best value awards</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No protests on orders \$10M and below except on the grounds that the order increases the scope, period, or maximum value of the GWAC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimizes protest risk and supports timely order award for optimal mission support</li> </ul>

## GSA eTools

The Center for Acquisition Excellence is available free of charge 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide customer agencies and contractors with online training, including GSA GWAC information. [www.gsa.gov/cae](http://www.gsa.gov/cae)

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eLibrary is the online source for the latest contract award information for GSA Schedules; Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Schedules; and Technology Contracts, including Governmentwide Acquisition Contracts (GWACs), Network Services and Telecommunications Contracts, and Information Technology (IT) Schedule 70. [www.gsa.gov/elibrary](http://www.gsa.gov/elibrary)

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